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INFORMATION ON KONOSHA AND KOTLAS,

ARKHANGEL'SKAYA OBLAST', USSR

Konosha

Konosha is the junction of the Moscow-Arkhangel'sk and Konosha-Vorkuta Railroads. Western observers have passed through the city but observation was limited to areas adjacent to the railroad. No town plan is available for Konosha and the best representations of the city are the attached Target Mosaic-Series 50 and Target Chart-Series 100 sheets.

In addition to the targets listed on the chart, Konosha includes a railroad repair shop, a beginning school, 2 seven-year schools, a middle school, and a city library. No evidence of guided missile facilities or related establishments was found in the currently available intelligence on Konosha.

Kotlas

Kotlas (1956 population estimate -- 37,000) is an important junction of rail traffic on the Konosha-Vorkuta Railroad and river traffic on the Vychegda and Severnaya Dvina Rivers. Observation by Westerners, excluding PWs in the early 40's, is limited to one visit by military attaches in 1956. The attached sketch map made by the attaches and the Target Chart-Series 25 sheet are the only available plans of the city.

Kotlas contains two sawmills producing lumber, railroad ties, and pit props; a prefabricated housing combine which makes fiber wallboard; and a railroad car repair shop. The Limenda shipyard 4 kilometers north-east of Kotlas builds and repairs tugboats, motorboats, river barges, and coastal freighters. The sole known city bus line runs from the corner of Karl Marx and Krasnoarmeiskaya streets to the shipyard. There are no taxis in Kotlas. Schools include the Limenda River Technical School, the Kotlas Medical School, and the usual middle and beginning schools. PW reports described a steel plant and foundry at Limenda and a bridge construction equipment plant and shoe factory in Kotlas, but their present status is unknown. No guided missile facilities or establishments of possible guided missile association are known in Kotlas.

REQUIREMENTS

Sketch maps and corrections and annotations on the accompanying maps, showing street names, house numbering system, and bus routes, would be of value to this office.